

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Middle East
And Cyprus

ONE of the most perplexing features of current strategy in that countries with heavy responsibilities for the safeguarding of freedom must not only be able to defend different places, but must also be prepared for different kinds of war. Not even what President Eisenhower has called the spirit of Geneva can eliminate this paradox; for until thorough-going disarmament and cast-iron security arrangements make it impossible for would-be aggressors to disturb the peace, the nations charged with the defence of the free world must take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that they can fulfil their duty.

Most strategic considerations inherited from the past would be irrelevant if the only kind of war conceivable today were an all-out surprise hydrogen bomb attack on capital cities and major industrial centres. But an all or nothing war of that kind is far from being the only possibility in a world still not disarmed; and the existence of other means of aggression creates other dangers rooted in political, economic and strategic geography which the world of the 1960's has inherited.

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**Pilot Dies
In Crash**

Calcutta, Aug. 30. An Indian Airlines freighter Dakota caught fire and crashed today while taking off at Silma, south-west of Kathmandu.

The pilot, Captain C. Bhownik, who with two other members of the crew, was seriously injured in the crash, died later at Patna Hospital where the injured had been flown by a smaller plane, an agency official said.

This is the second Indian plane crash in a month in Nepal another freighter Dakota having crashed at Balrampur killing the pilot three weeks ago.—Reuters.

It is this role in the strategic defence of the Middle East which must temper and very considerably influence the current talks in London on the future of Cyprus.

American Plan At New York Disarmament Talks

'LET'S EXCHANGE INSPECTORS'

**May Help Prevent
Surprise Attacks**

New York, Aug. 30.

The United States proposed today that it should exchange military inspection teams with Russia which could give early warning on mobilisation for a surprise attack.

There was no immediate Russian reaction to the plan disclosed by U.S. Disarmament expert, Mr Harold E. Stassen in placing before the U.N. disarmament sub-Committee details of President Eisenhower's military inspection plan.

Mr Stassen told the five-nation sub-Committee that ground observers would be stationed at "key locations" within each other's country "to give warning of surprise attack or mobilisation."

A key provision of Russia's own disarmament plan was the stationing of inspection teams at rail heads, road junctions, airfields and sea ports to observe military activities.

Mr Stassen took over from the American Ambassador, Mr Henry Cabot Lodge Jr as representative of the U.S. as the delegates of the five nations—United States, Britain, Russia, France and Canada—met for the second day in closed session.

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**FLATS ON THE PLAYING
FIELDS OF ETON?**

Eton, Aug. 30.

The Ministry of Housing

refused to confirm an application by the Eton Urban Council to purchase compulsorily part of the famous playing fields of Eton, England's leading public school, to build flats.

The college itself had not objected to the proposal but local residents opposed the move at a public inquiry last month.

They pointed out that the land in question is flooded when

**GIANT NEW CARRIER IN
SEA TRIAL MISHAP**

New York, Aug. 30.

The biggest aircraft carrier in the world, the U.S.S. Forrestal, "burned out" a bearing in one of its propeller shafts today bringing its first sea trials to a sudden end.

The carrier, which is 59,650 tons, slowed to a halt in the Atlantic with the announcement that a bearing in the number three shaft had been "wiped out." The accident means that full power tests scheduled for tomorrow will have to be cancelled.

The builders, the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., and a Navy board studying the trials decided to take Forrestal back to her berth at Newport News, Virginia, on Thursday morning instead of Friday.

'A Calculated Risk'

Mr H. T. Bent, Vice-President and Works Manager of the company described the incident as unfortunate but not unusual. He said the company took a calculated risk by combining the builders' trials and the Navy acceptance trials which usually came later.

This was because the advent of Hurricane Diane caused a disruption of earlier plans.

"If we had had the builders' trials," Mr Bent said, "We would have found such difficulties and corrected them before going into the Navy trials," he added.—United Press.

**SECURITY COUNCIL
MAY HEAR NTH.
AFRICA REPORT**

New York, Aug. 30.

The 17-nation Asian-African group meeting at United Nations headquarters today decided to bring the situation in French North Africa before the Security Council.

The group agreed to set up a committee of six to prepare the case for the Council "with due regard to the matter of timing."

Mr Edward Rizk, of Lebanon, who presided, said the formal request to the Council for a meeting would not be made until the committee of six had drawn up the necessary memorandum.

It was not possible to say at this time when the Council might be asked to meet. He said it might take a week or two before the case to be placed before the Council was complete.

**MOROCCO AND
ALGERIA**

Morocco and Algeria were both covered by the term "North Africa."

He added that one of the elements in the "fluidity" of the present situation in North Africa concerned the outcome of the talks which have been going on between the French Government and Moroccan representatives in Aix-Les-Bains.

"If negotiations truly are being carried out we would not in any way wish to jeopardise the chances of their success," he said.

**NO NEGOTIATIONS
AT AIX-LES-BAINS**

Mr Abdellah told reporters the talks which had taken place in Aix-Les-Bains were not "negotiations." He said the French Government had asked the Moroccan representatives there to give their points of view.

"There has been no negotiation at all," he added.

In Paris the Resident-General of Morocco, M. Gilbert Grandval, called at the Prime Minister's office tonight while M. Edgar Faure was in conference with the French Defence

**EGYPT AGREES
TO CEASEFIRE
IN BORDER WAR**

Cairo, Aug. 30.

Egypt has accepted a proposal made by the Chief Truce Inspector in Palestine, General E. L. M. Burns for a ceasefire on the Egyptian-Israeli border.

This was stated in a United Press report received in the China Mail office late this morning but up to the time of going to press no further details had been received.

This news came following new reports of fighting along the Gaza strip.

An Egyptian military spokesman at Gaza claimed that one Egyptian soldier was killed and five civilians were wounded as the result of three Israeli border attacks which, he said, took place in a period of less than four hours.

COUNTER-CLAIMS

In Washington, the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles sternly warned Russia today that any arms shipments to Arab nations would be a serious breach of the Geneva spirit of peaceful co-existence.

All agencies.

**A Popular
(but impudent)
Private F/C**

Yokosuka, Aug. 30. He is a more unusual Private First Class. He refuses to wear shoes with his uniform, he loves to put his tongue out at officers. Still he is the most popular member of his unit—and he is being considered for promotion.

His name is Earthquake. He is an English bulldog. Earthquake is a member of the United States Marine Corps detachment at Yokosuka, a main U.S. naval base 35 miles from Tokyo.

Last week Egypt broke off talks with Israel representatives for improving border security and from that moment onwards Egypt launched a continuous series of attacks upon Israeli patrols, villages and civilian

settlements in the Gaza area.

Money was no hindrance when the Marines decided to acquire a mascot. The men contributed a total of \$225 enough to buy the dog and provide for his shipment to Japan, immunisation shots and other incidentals. —China Mail Special.

A WARNING NOTE

The statement added: "The Government of Israel is prepared as ever to observe the provisions of the armistice but it will take whatever measures necessary to safeguard the life and property of its citizens."

At the same time the Israeli delegate at the headquarters of the United Nations in New York submitted a second letter to the Security Council on recent incidents in the Gaza area.

Last night the Israeli delegation called the attention of the Council to the "grave deterioration" in the situation along the border and said the Israel Government would take "all measures of self-defence for the protection of life and property of its citizens."

**Two Chinese
Jump Ship**

Long Beach, Aug. 30. Immigration authorities today were looking for two Chinese crewmen who reportedly jumped ship yesterday from the Hong Kong freighter, Inchstaff.

The missing men were identified as Shih Are-teong 25, and Wong Tsong-wah, 27, engine room greasers aboard the Inchstaff, which arrived here on Aug. 26 from Japan.

The Inchstaff, owned by Williamson and Company of Hong Kong and manned by British officers and a Chinese crew, is to sail for Japan tomorrow or on Thursday.—Reuter.

**SUDAN
MUTINEERS
FLEE**

Khartoum, Aug. 30. Most of the mutineers of the Sudan Defence Force fled from their headquarters at Torit before Government troops arrived to detain them following an unconditional surrender, reports from the South said today.

Some northerners who had taken refuge from the mutineers in a missionary centre after the rebellion two weeks ago were freed by the arriving forces, the reports added.

Only a few of the mutineers remained. They were arrested.

A representative of the mutineers arrived at Juba, the regional capital, from Torit last Sunday to agree to an unconditional surrender. He went back to Torit with the surrender terms.

Loyal members of the Sudan Defence Force then travelled south to round up the mutineers, who are to be tried for taking up arms against the Government.

Traditional differences between the Moslem north and the largely primitive south were behind the mutiny which broke out, when southern troops were ordered to move to the north Sudan.—Reuters.

Parisette

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London, Aug. 30. Britain will once more oppose discussion by the United Nations General Assembly of the question of the admission of Communist China, a well-informed source indicated today.

The Soviet delegate, Mr Arkady Sobolev, is expected to raise the question immediately after the Assembly opens in New York on September 21.

This demand is expected to meet opposition by the United States and the British delegation will in all likelihood support the Americans.

NO HOSTILITY

Britain would adopt such an attitude, it was indicated here, not out of hostility toward Communist China, with which it has maintained diplomatic relations since January, 1950, but on grounds of expediency.

It was felt in London that the international climate is not yet favourable for such a decision, although the world situation has improved.

The issue still divides United Nations members and a debate, it was felt here, might have extremely unfavourable repercussions on the very future of the organisation.—France-Presse.

**"SUBVERSIVE"
GOANS**

GET 12 YEARS

Gao, Aug. 30.

A Portuguese Military Tribunal has sentenced eight Goan Hindus, charged with subversive activities, to prison terms ranging from one to 12 years with fines and suspension of political rights. It was announced today. One man was acquitted.

The group were arrested on January 20 (Indian Republic Day).

The Portuguese authorities are permitting the wife of Madhu Limaye, arrested when leading Indian demonstrators into Goa on July 20, to visit her husband in prison, it was stated here. The Indian Government had requested that the visit be permitted.—Reuter.

**Leaving Austria
By October**

London, Aug. 30.

The War Office announced today that, in accordance with the Austrian State Treaty, all British troops will be out of Austria by October 24.—United Press.

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RUMANIA CUTS ARMY BY 40,000 Falls Into Step With New Kremlin Policy

Vienna, Aug. 30.

Communist Rumania today got in step with the Kremlin's new "European disarmament programme" with the announcement that the army will be cut by 40,000 men by next December 1.

Rumania is the third member of the Communist European bloc to make such an announcement. Others of the Soviet satellite nations are expected to fall in line quickly.

Western observers view the moves as a manoeuvre to put increasing pressure on the United States to remove its forces from Europe and to convince the world that the Soviet Union has only peaceful intentions.

Russia led off the campaign on August 13 with the announcement that the Soviet army would be cut by 649,000 men. Czechoslovakia followed on August 14 by announcing a troop cutback of 34,000 men.

Communist Poland, Hungary and Bulgaria are expected to take similar steps in the next few weeks, informed sources said.

Civilian Life

No reliable information has ever been released by Russia or its satellites on current troop strengths, so no one outside the Iron Curtain has any way of knowing whether the cuts are actually made.

It was noted here that the Rumanian announcement made no mention of the demobilised men returning to civilian life, but said instead that they would be "transferred to construction and building projects."

Rumania's regular forces are estimated at about 200,000 men, with another 200,000 mobilised into semi-military organisations such as frontier guards, security forces and workers' battalions.

The strength of the Soviet forces in Rumania is estimated at nearly one division. — United Press.

KABAKA ON HOLIDAY

Cannes, Aug. 30. Kabaka Mutesa II of Buganda arrived here today with his brother, Prince Nitesa for a short holiday, part of which will be spent as guest of the Aga Khan.

The 30-year-old Kabaka was deposed by the British Colonial Office in 1954 for "failing to co-operate loyally" with the Government but will be allowed to return to his homeland as a constitutional monarch under an agreement signed earlier this month. He is expected to return by November. — China Mail Special.

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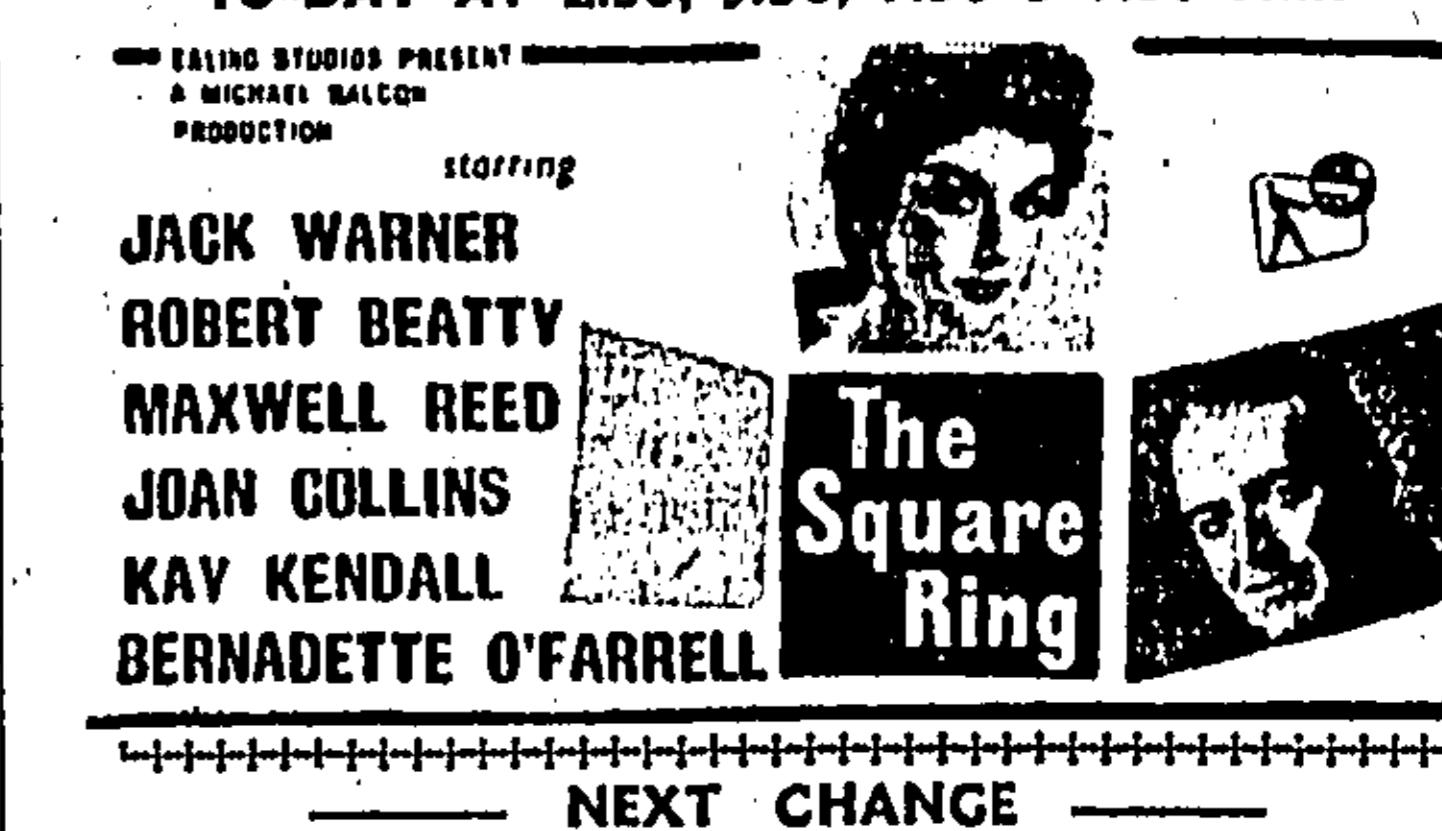
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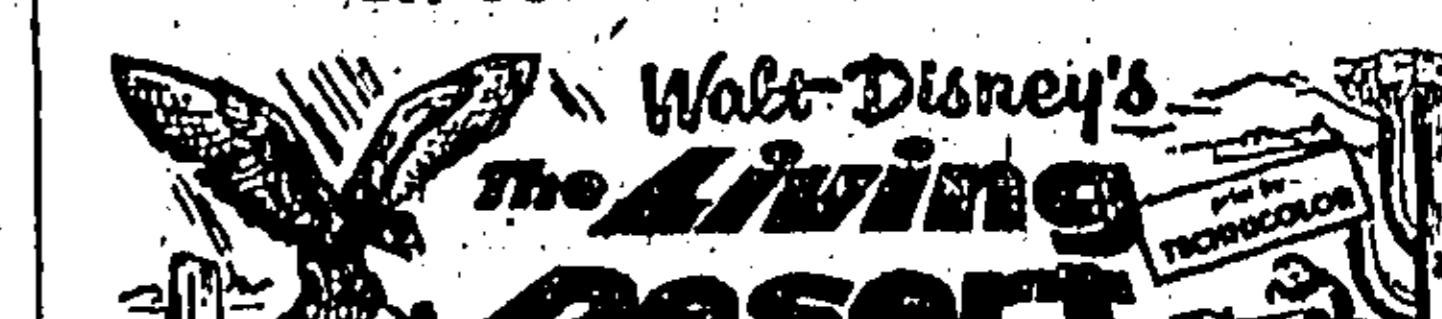
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AMERICA-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY



Shigemitsu Wants Greater Share Of Own Defence REVISION REQUESTED

Washington, Aug. 30.

During the question period following his prepared speech at the National Press Club today, Japanese Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu reiterated his desire to secure a revision of the Japanese-American Security Treaty to give his country a greater share in its own defence.

He said: "I should like very much to raise that question while I am here and I should like to explain our position very clearly and frankly to our friends in the American Government."

In reply to another question, Mr. Shigemitsu predicted that the efforts to merge the Japanese Liberal and Democratic Parties into a single Conservative Party will be successful.

"I am sure we shall be able to consolidate the conservative elements in Japan," he said.

In answer to the question as to who should be Premier under merger, he laughingly replied: "I may refuse to be Premier."

The Japanese Foreign Minister also predicted that the conservative elements in Japan eventually would succeed in getting the Constitution revised to eliminate the section prohibiting recruitment.

In response to a question on that subject, he said:

Although the Bill to amend the Constitution was turned down by the Socialists, we are going to try our best to get our Constitution revised. I feel sure that we will be quite successful in the attempt to revise the Constitution in this respect."

Most Anxious

Mr. Shigemitsu said his Government was most anxious to achieve "normal relations" with South Korea but was finding it difficult to resolve the differences between the two countries.

"We are prepared to make all sorts of concessions," he said. "As for the South Korean demand for property restitution, we are glad to do that. But still we have lots of difficulties. We must be very patient."

The Foreign Minister turned aside with indirect answers to two questions concerning the impact of Japanese products on American markets.

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Fine Wished Schmidt The Best

New York, Aug. 30.

Alford Fine, the young logger who was left out in the cold when Una Schmidt went back to her airman husband, was quoted today as saying he wished them "nothing but happiness."

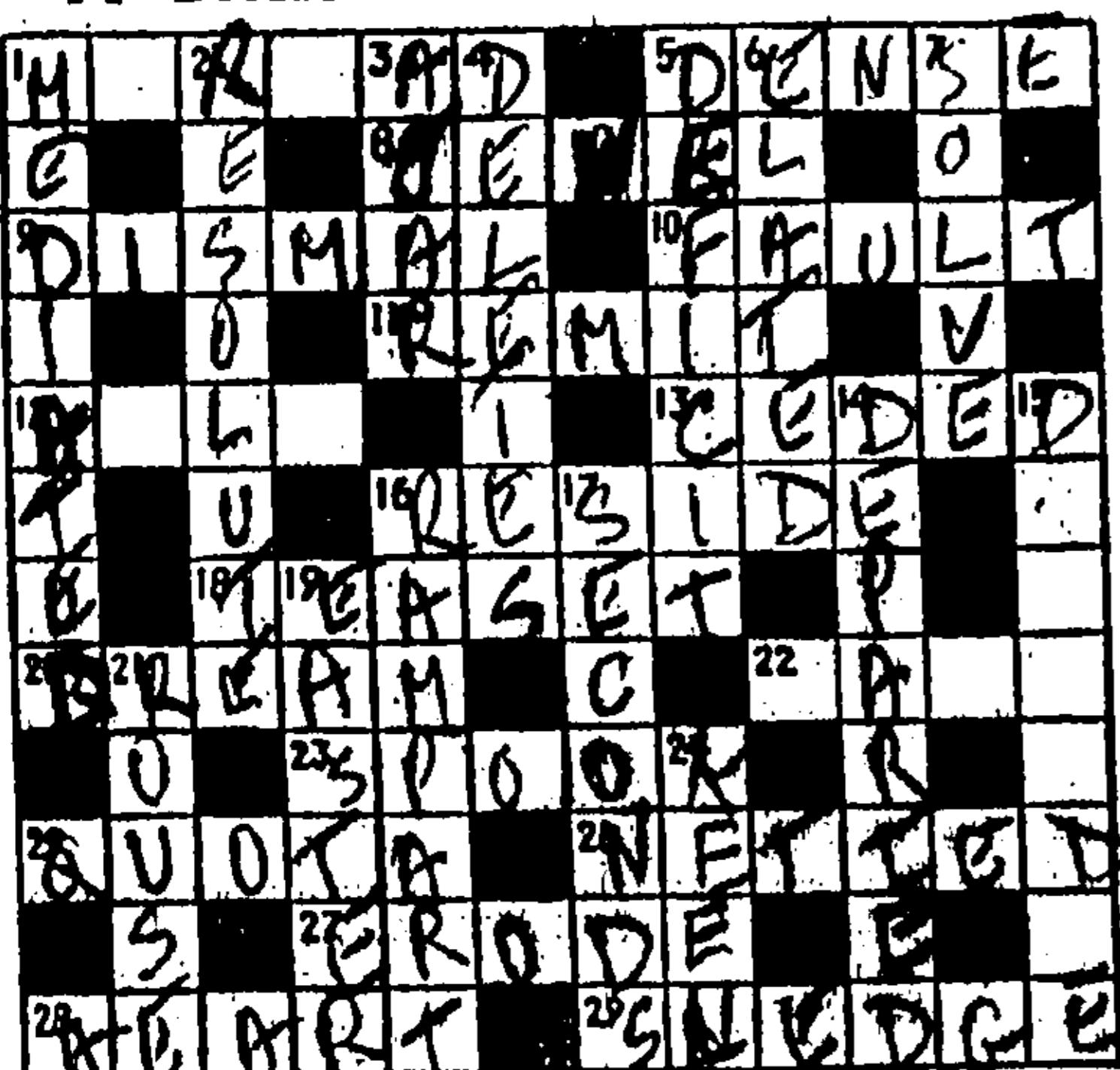
"And that goes for all three of them—for Una, for Danny, and for Danny junior," he said in an interview with the San Francisco Call-Bulletin.

The newspaper said that it had reached Fine in his auto trailer at an undisclosed spot, some miles from San Francisco.

Vague

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A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS:

- Large number (9).
- Stupid (8).
- Gem (6).
- Dream (6).
- Defect (5).
- Scorn (6).
- Clover (4).
- Granted (5).
- Dwell (6).
- Crockery (8).
- Ruverie (5).
- Kind of armour (4).
- Appointed (6).
- Ratton (5).
- Snared (6).
- Eat away (5).
- Cord (6).
- Snow carriage (6).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 1 Spread, 3 Picked, 8 Bed, 9 Rupees, 11 Orbits, 12 Extend, 14 Gut, 16 Canoe, 18 Green, 19 Pest, 20 Rushed, 24 Theme, 25 Tonics, 26 Sooth, 27 Salts, 28 Rococo. Down: 1 Sulf, 2 Ripe, 3 Abel, 4 Dope, 5 Product, 6 Clariant, 7 Stemmed, 10 Exile, 12 Ignites, 14 Gritted, 15 Undress, 17 Aspen, 19 Pastor, 21 Hono, 22 Dune, 23 Asks.

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SCIENTISTS AT HARWELL



Scientists from many nations, including Iron Curtain countries visiting Harwell, the British Atomic Research Station. Picture shows: a party of the delegates leaving the new heavy water reactor E 442, first of the new DIDO class reactors, which is seen in the background nearing completion.—Express Photo.

ISRAEL ACCUSES EGYPTIANS Continuous Attacks

London, Aug. 30. The Israeli Embassy in London tonight issued a communiqué accusing Egypt of launching "a continuous series of attacks" on the Gaza frontier strip between Egypt and Israel and described the situation as "most serious."

The Israeli communiqué claimed that since Egypt walked out of the frontier talks with Israel last week, Israeli patrols, villages and civilians had been continuously attacked.

Ban On Inhuman Punishment

Geneva, Aug. 30.

The first United Nations congress on prevention of crime and treatment of offenders today approved a "prisoners charter" prohibiting "all cruel, inhuman or degrading punishments."

It adopted a set of 95 standard minimum rules which would ban corporal punishment, chains, iron and strait jackets and punishment by placing in a dark cell for disciplinary offences.

Except in special circumstances, prison staff should not be armed.

Among guiding principles the rules state: "The purpose and justification of a sentence of imprisonment is ultimately to protect society against crime. This end can only be achieved if the period of imprisonment is used to ensure so far as possible that upon his return to society the offender is not only willing but able to lead a law-abiding, self-reliant and self-supporting life."

It added that responsibility for breaking off negotiations "must rest squarely upon Egypt."

The communiqué claimed that since the talks broke off Egypt had attacked 43 Israeli villages, and 18 Israeli patrols, and had violated Israeli air space seven times.

It said that eight Israelis had been killed and 20 injured in these incidents. —France-Press.

Assistance

To this end all remedial, educational, moral and spiritual forms of assistance should be applied.

Treatment of prisoners, the "charter" says, should emphasize not their exclusion from the community but their continuing part in it. Every institution should involve special workers to maintain and improve the prisoners' relationships with his family and with social agencies.

There should be "governmental or private agencies capable of leading, after release, offenders directed towards the leadership of productive training him and toward his social rehabilitation." —Reuters.

Paris, Aug. 30.

Sudanese officials and other refugees have crossed the frontier from the Sudan into the French central African territory of Oubangui Chari. French officials revealed today.

The refugees were natives of the North Sudan who had been living in the South. The South Sudanese have threatened the Northerners during the recent waves of mutinies and disturbances.

The Governor of Oubangui Chari Province has been instructed to take any action required. —France-Press.

RITA SHOCKED BY SEPARATION

RITA Hayworth, the film actress, was described today as so emotionally shocked by her separation from Dick Haymes that she was confined to her room.

Mrs Hayworth, who announced yesterday that she was leaving Mr. Haymes, had been due to appear in a Federal court today for a hearing on her breach-of-contract suit against Columbia Pictures.

The hearing was adjourned until November 15 after her lawyer filed an affidavit signed by Dr Fred V. Cerini which said:

"The separation was such an emotional shock that I have ordered her to bed for several days. She was so upset I prescribed sedatives for her. Her health would be endangered if she were forced to attend the trial."

Miss Hayworth said yesterday she had walked out on Mr. Haymes "in the best interests of my children, Dick and myself."

Meanwhile Mr. Haymes wept at Miss Hayworth's sudden departure and declared that if the red-haired film star did not return to him "I can't go on."

"If she divorces me I don't know what I will do," the crooner sobbed into a reporter's ear. "I probably won't take a bottle of sleeping pills but I will feel mighty miserable. A man is only in love once and I have been in love with Rita for 18 years. She is the most beautiful woman in the world."

Friends of Miss Hayworth said she resented Mr. Haymes' alleged "Swengal" methods of trying to dominate her film career.

Though many believed Rita was definitely through with

the singer, her fourth husband others felt their legal problems might bring them together.

Mr. Haymes, an Argentine, is placing his hopes for United States citizenship on his marriage to Miss Hayworth. Rita needs Haymes' testimony in her breach-of-contract suit against Columbia Pictures, worth \$100,000 in her contention that the studio broke an agreement to start filming "Joseph and his Brethren" last March.

Rita is also believed to fear that her third husband, Prince Aly Khan, might use the breakup of her marriage to Mr. Haymes as an argument to gain full custody of his daughter, Yasmine. Rita's older daughter is by her second marriage to Orson Welles. —China Mail Special.

One-Man Invasion Of Kashmir

Karachi, Aug. 30.

Islam Salmani, a Pakistani law student, told reporters here today that he plans a one-man "Goat-style" protest invasion of the Indian occupied part of Kashmir on September 13.

He said that on his lone satyagraha (peaceful demonstration) he would take a white dove which he would release at the border. Tied to its leg would be a message insisting in the name of Pakistan on Kashmir's right to choose its own government.

Pakistan has long demanded a plebiscite in Kashmir, the territory disputed by the two dominions since the partition of the sub-continent.

Barbers' Union

About two years ago Islam Salmani made vociferous efforts to raise the status of barbers, including the organisation of an all-Pakistani barbers' association. He comes from a family of barbers.

The acting Governor-General of Pakistan, Major-General Iskander Mirza, has not dealt with a letter from the West Pakistan Christian Zamindara Labour League seeking the "Queen's blessing" for a mass satyagraha on Indian-occupied Kashmir on September 15. —Reuters.

Baghdad, Aug. 30. Saudi Arabia today delivered a non-committal reply to Iraq's invitation for a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Arab states to discuss the situation in North Africa.

Iraq's Foreign Minister Barhamuddin Bashayani is said to have received a reply that was "neither an acceptance nor a rejection."

Authoritative quarters said they understood that Saudi Arabia had raised the point that the invitation had not come through the Arab League.

They pointed out, however, that any Arab Government is entitled to call a meeting of the League or a consultation at Government level.

The meeting, these sources believed, would take up, besides the North Africa issue, the statement issued by US Secretary of State John Foster Dulles urging a settlement of the Arab-Israeli difficulties. —United Press.

SCOTCH UP TOMORROW

Edinburgh, Aug. 30. Maximum price for standard brands of Scotch whisky will be raised on September 1 by one shilling to 36 shillings a bottle in Britain, the Scotch Whisky Association announced.

This is the first increase in 4½ years. —China Mail Special.

Woman Exposed To Radiation

Brescia, Rome, Aug. 30.

An attractive Italian woman doctor carried on with her vacation today despite fears that she is suffering from over-exposure to deadly isotope radiation. Reporters who traced Dr. Ines Marini to her vacation hideout here obtained her admission to over-exposure.

"But it's not serious," she said.

Curiosity about the attractive woman doctor arose after Prof. Aldo Protti of the Ancona Medical Institute where she worked announced she was suffering from the effects of nuclear radiation.

He said Dr. Marini was exposed while treating patients with radioactive isotopes in the institute's cancer centre.

Dr. Marini said she felt perfectly well and intended to stay on with the holiday she is spending with her fiance, Enzo Boletti, who was repatriated from a Russian prisoner-of-war camp only last November. —United Press.

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DENHOLM ELLIOTT

THE NIGHT
MY NUMBER
CAME UP.

DID IT HAPPEN?

MABEL

• There was a certain bond between us—possibly because we had both entered Holloway on the same day. But did this story actually happen? Tomorrow the answer will be published.

"IT'S not right, you know, dear," she said in her rich cookey voice. "It's not right at all." I took the scissors that Mabel handed to me. "M'm?" I mumbled as I snipped the thick thread.

Mabel looked away from me and the words slithered out of the corner of her mouth. "Us being here... in this place, I mean."

I felt inclined to agree but, having known Mabel for just over three weeks, I knew that she preferred a one-sided conversation, and that it would continue in a second or two without any prompting from me.

"Fred would throw-up if he could see me now!" Mabel, scorning the use of scissors, severed the thread between her strong white teeth with a vicious snap.

I looked at her across the narrow table piled with half-finished shirts and round pieces of felt for Post Office pads, which constituted our daily work; at her pale straggly hair, and the oddly gentle expression on her tough little face contrasting strangely with the rough voice and foul language which slipped so glibly through the full, childish lips.

Teddy Boy

"Must show you a snap of Fred," whispered Mabel. "You might call him one of the original Teddy Boys—but with more poise—if you know what I mean."

Mabel smiled, as though the memory of Fred's "poise" pleased her. I refrained from reminding her that earlier recollections of Fred—as related by her to me—had not been favourable. For it seemed that any balance that the original Teddy Boy may have possessed deserted him as he stood, side by side with Mabel, in the dock at Bow Street, protesting his innocence and endorsing Mabel's guilt. "And me—approved school, Borstal and all—that I didn't stand no chance," in Mabel's own words.

And that is how it came about that Mabel and I met in Holloway Gaol, where I, too, was serving the beginning of my prison sentence.

by

JOAN HENRY

JOAN HENRY, ex-slutress and descendant of Sir Robert Peel and Lord John Russell (Bertrand is a cousin), was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment in 1950 on charges of uttering forged cheques. She pleaded not guilty. Who Lied in Coal—her book about prison life—was filmed as *The Week and the Wicked*, and her latest novel—*Yield to the Night*—is also scheduled for the screen. London born (1918); Miss Henry lives in Knightsbridge. Her outstanding ambition: "To write a good play."

ships flourish in the cloistered existence of the convicted, born of familiarity and fostered by the—probably misplaced—sense of injustice that unites all those who have fallen foul of the law.

I found myself watching Mabel more and more as time dragged by. There was something about her that fascinated me. She certainly wasn't pretty—or even good-looking—but there was an aliveness about her: a sort of glow which owed nothing to make-up, and overcame the prison pallor which, in some degree, marked all our faces.

She was a good worker and her needle flew at a speed I envied, in spite of her constant, and often humorous, flow of chatter. We all talked without moving our lips, like ventriloquists. However, I suppose our efforts were somewhat amateurish as we were constantly reprimanded for talking by one of the officers.

I didn't work over-hard while I was at Holloway. Most of the time I was in the prison hospital which meant that I could only earn sixpence a week, in the work-room, regardless of the number of garments I completed.

Dizzy sum

Mabel worked at feverish speed and her earnings usually amounted to elevenpence half-penny. This dizzy sum she spent entirely on sweets, for which

YES NO

DID IT REALLY HAPPEN?
● Put your tick in the space above and keep this panel by you until tomorrow when the answer will be given—with another story in this series by C. S. Forester

Did yesterday's story—The Packet—actually happen? The answer is YES

C. S. Forester

SPIES AND SABOTEURS, by Dr William J. Morgan. (Gollancz, 15s. dd.)

Dr William J. Morgan is an American psycho-

therapist.

He is the author of *Spies and Saboteurs*.He is the author of *Spies and Saboteurs*.

"THE CLOWN PRINCE OF FOOTBALL"

LEN SHACKLETON INSISTS HE NEVER WANTS TO PLAY FOR ENGLAND AGAIN

By ROY PESKETT

Len Shackleton, erstwhile England inside forward—he never wants to play for England again—has written the most bitter attack on Soccer I have ever read. It will be published as his biography* this week—and one way or another this great young athlete and business man does not come out of it very well.

"They called me the Clown Prince of Football. They called me irresponsible. They called me Big End, and lots of other uncomplimentary things," Shackleton said in an interview a little while ago.

Speaking of the occasion when he was chosen to play for the Football League against the Irish League in 1954, Shackleton, the business man says:

"I went to a good friend, George Childs, for advice. George, the other director in my company, looked at it partly from the business angle, and suggested: 'You must play for the League if you want to be picked for the Welsh and German matches. Your new hairdressing saloon is due to open around the same time as the game against Germany, and that publicly would give the business a wonderful send-off.'

"He was right. Why not use the favour of the selectors to launch the barber's shop? I decided to play, and it still amuses me to imagine what the feelings of the Football Association would have been had they known that I represented England for the sake of publicity as much as for the honour of wearing the international shirt!"

SILLY BILLY

This is written by the same man who complai

"Undoubtedly the greatest honour Soccer can bestow upon a player is national recognition. Except for the favoured few, international caps are difficult to win—as I have discovered—and for that reason I think the honour should be accompanied by financial remuneration in keeping with such an occasion."

"When an Englishman plays for his country he is paid £50 in a match which sometimes draws a £50,000 gate. If Tommy Trinder attracted a £50,000 audience, would he feel well recompensed with a fee of £1,100? If Don Cockell and Rocky Marciano fought before a crowd which had paid £50,000 to watch them, would they consider they were overpaid at £550 each?"

"I have read a book written by Billy Wright, England's Soccer captain, which states: 'If there was nothing else but the inducement of an international cap, I would be just as eager to play for England.' I consider his sentiments ludicrous, because when a man is playing football for a living, he must be paid in sterling."

"None of us would gain much sustenance from a meal prepared from the following menu, for instance:

Souvenir Soup, Continental, or Mediterranean; **Filletts Illuminated address;** **Stewed White Shirt**, Braised badge; **Steamed Velvet Cup**; **Bolled Boot**, and **Gratuitous Gravy** (garnished with Wembly Spring Grass); **Team Tour Turt** and **Cup Custard**; **Lancaster Gate Cheese** (rather high); **Coffee (Brazilian)** optional."

LEFT BLANK

Chapter Nine in the book is headed "The average director's knowledge of football." The rest of the page is then left blank except for a publisher's note at the bottom which reads:

"This chapter has deliberately been left blank in accordance with the author's wishes."

Thus he dismisses the men without whom the game in this country would not be possible.

In another part of the book he attacks the England selectors thus:

"I have reserved until now the biggest nigger in the woodpile, the biggest fly in the ointment, the ever-present ball and chain restricting the efforts of the England team. I refer to the method of team selection."

* "Clown Prince of Soccer," by Len Shackleton (Nicholas Haye), 10s. 6d.

Tuli Turns Down Offer To Fight In Tokyo

London, Aug. 30. Jake Tuli of South Africa, former Empire Flyweight Champion and World title contender, has refused an offer to fight in Tokyo.

Mr Jim Wicks, manager of Tuli, said today that Tuli was "far too busy."

He was meeting Peter Keenan for the Empire Bantamweight title in Glasgow on September 14 and had another contest arranged at Carmarthen Wales on September 20.—China Mail Special.



LEN SHACKLETON

Hast, a Huddersfield solicitor; Mr Arthur Oakley, a retired Wolverhampton businessman, and Mr Joe Mears, a London transport contractor.

All these gentlemen have one thing in common—the striking absence of any Soccer playing background or noting—although I have heard rumours that one once played goal for an amateur team.

BOATS AND BUSES

"Obviously his attainment of such football eminence has been kept a good secret from his selection committee colleagues; there would surely have been no place for him as an England selector had it been known he had actually played football."

"I mean no disrespect when I suggest that by the very nature of his professional occupation, Mr Harry French should be a better selector of cabmen than footballers." Mr Harold Shentall, like Arthur Jimmy Seed, Joe Smith, Fred Britton, Ted Drake, Stan Cullis, or Tom Whittaker,

"The chosen three should be offered financial inducements in keeping with such responsible post—the F.A. would have no difficulty in paying them £50 a week each—providing they ceased to act as managers and treated the England international XI as a full-time job."

BEVIN BOY

During the war "Shack" was employed by GEC assembling aircraft wireless sets, playing

160 Riders Vie For World Track Cycling Honours

Milan, Aug. 31.

More than 160 amateur and professional cyclists will start the battle today for five World Track Cycling Championships at the Vigorelli Stadium here.

The meeting continues for four days and the programme is:

Wednesday: heats and quarter-finals amateur pursuit; heats and repechages amateur sprint; first heat motor paced (stayers) event.

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LOCAL GOLFER DOING WELL IN ENGLAND

Showing even better form than that which won him the Hongkong Junior Golf Championship, R. D. ("Bobbie") Bell, now back in England, has been playing some of the better known U.K. courses with excellent results.

Stourbridge, an English golf course of tournament standard, was the scene of one of his recent triumphs. Collecting 2 birdies and 12 pars, with one out of bounds, he finished with a very impressive 76, only 3 over par.

For those interested in more detailed information on Bobbie Bell's round at Stourbridge, reproductions of the actual card will be displayed on the club hundred board by Sunday and Shet.

SOCCER ON THE INSIDE

Andy Bentle, famous and able manager of Huddersfield Town, has staggered his Directors by telling them: "I am giving up the game."

This had two years to run. He was the highest paid manager ever appointed by the Yorkshire Club.

Bentle, now 42, was a polished player with Preston and Scotland, a shrewd manager with Barrow and Stockport before his Huddersfield days.

Huddersfield Chairman Dick Parker was astonished... "Because relations between Mr Bentle and the board have been most cordial and happy."

Bentle said: "I asked for my release because I do not feel prepared, as I ought to do, to face nine months of mental slogging."

IMMEDIATE FUTURE

"As a player I gave up at the top. That is why I am dropping out of the game now. Football has done a lot for me and I have been very happy with it."

He concludes: "I have no intention of coming back to football in the immediate future."

Charlton, missing the Eddie Firmani goal touch, have now lost live-wire leader Bobby Ayre for the next month.

Ayre was injured at Sheffield on the same Bramall Lane ground where he clipped an elbow bone in April and missed the final matches of last season.

Another crack amateur has quit Walthamstow Avenue. He is lorry-driving centre forward Jim Parks. Secretary Jim Lewis hopes to get school teacher Ken Harrison of Crook Town to play for Walthamstow.

Page one's "How's Your Overdraft" slips on to the back page with story of Blackpool Star Mortensen, and another England star.

Mortensen collected his £750 benefit the other day but didn't hand any cash.

Mortensen frankly admits he was only too glad to tell the club to keep it as the pay-off on a loan made to him by the club when he was building up his business.

The club, clamping down a bit on its well-known generosity, thought the star could do the same and asked that his benefit be "returned" to the club to pay off his loan.

NOT THE TIME

Blackpool directors have decided the first month of the season is not the time to grant transfers.

So they told their £26,000 Scottish international inside-left Allan Brown: "No transfer for the time being."

It's only days since Sid O'Linn returned from South Africa and re-signed for Charlton. But the big inside-right

is directly responsible for today's match.

The race will be over 10 furlongs on grass, same distance as the Kentucky Derby which takes place on a dirt track. Neither has raced on grass but they have shown no dislike for turf during their training.

CHAMPION JOCKEY

Eddie Arcaro, winner of more than 3,500 races, will ride Nashua and Swaps, meet today at the Washington Park racetrace in a \$100,000 winner-take-all match.

Since their two-year-old days Nashua and Swaps have been prominent performers. Nashua won six times and finished second in eight races as a two-year-old and his three-year-old record is eight wins and a second in nine races.

Swaps won two out of six races as a juvenile and is unbeaten in eight this year. Nashua's one reverse was when she finished behind Swaps in the Kentucky Derby and that result is directly responsible for today's match.

The race will be over 10 furlongs on grass, same distance as the Kentucky Derby which takes place on a dirt track. Neither has raced on grass but they have shown no dislike for turf during their training.

POSTPONED

The KBGC-KCC "Liberation Shield" match and the Colony Open Triples quarter-final between CCC and Recreco trios, both scheduled yesterday at KBGC were postponed because of the condition of the green.

GUTIERREZ SHIELD

Lawn bowlers are reminded that today is the closing date for entries for the "Gutierrez Shield" international tournament.

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PLANS FOR BRIDGE TO LINK ITALY AND SICILY

Messina, Aug. 30.

Surveys have begun for siting a suspension bridge which will link the island of Sicily with the Italian mainland across the tempestuous Straits of Messina.

Four geologists have arrived here to sound the narrow waterway, testing the seabed into which two massive pillars will be driven to support the 1,524-metre (5,000-foot) central span of the planned double-decker bridge.

A blueprint of the bridge is prepared. Finance for the building is reported to be available. All that remains is to select the exact site and decide upon the technical method to be adopted for sinking the centre piles.

For centuries inhabitants of Italy and Sicily have been plagued by the problem of the turbulent strip of sea dividing the Calabrian cliff cave of the legendary six-headed Scylla, a sailor-eating monster transformed by the enchanter Circe, and the dreaded whirlpool of Charybdis.

Too Costly

Ulysses, while audaciously navigating between the twin perils, was troubled by it.

Legend has it that Saint Francis of Paola, in the 15th century, walked across the waves from shore to shore. But his miraculous feat gave no help in solving the problems of transport and communications between Italy and Sicily.

When Italy was unified in the last century, the problems became more pressing. An engineer, commissioned in 1860 to weigh possibilities, reported that a bridge would be too costly.

Five more projects emerged between 1870 and World War I, the first of them visualising a railway tunnel 160 metres (528 feet) under the seabed.

Finally, in postwar years, replacement of the slow, expensive ferryboat link by a bridge across the Straits became urgent.

The development of the Sicilian oil industry and the expansion of rail and road communications on both sides of the channel caused a bottleneck which became worse year by year.

Achievements

A plan for a massive steel suspension bridge to span the three-kilometre (two-mile) wide Strait was put forward by 60-year-old bridge builder, Mr David Stelman, of New York, who planned and built the bridge spanning Golden Gate Bay at San Francisco, the George Washington and Steel Gate bridges of New York, Sydney Harbour suspension bridge, the Michigan bridge, and the Michigan bridge, the world's most beautiful steel suspension bridge the world has ever seen."

With clean, symmetrical curves it will be 3,300 metres (10,824 feet) long with five bays, the main centre span flanked by two intermediate spans of 723 metres (2,400 feet), and two outer spans of 150 metres (512 feet).

Two gigantic piles, each about 120 metres (394 feet) deep, will buttress the long middle span. It will be 29 metres (95 feet) wide. The lower level of the double-decker bridge will be 60 metres (213 feet) above sea level, giving the biggest liners ample clearance.

Mr Stelman has designed the higher level for road traffic, with two three-track channels, and the lower for trains. The double level gives greater crosswise rigidity.

In his survey, the American designer provided for protection against earthquakes, cracks in the underwater strata, and the heavy currents of the treacherous channel.

Not Contractor

Whilst emphasising that he is not the bridge's contractor, Mr Stelman has stated that a group of international bankers in New York is interested in the project which can be financed by interest-bearing bond issues in the normal way.

His estimate of the total cost is 160,000,000 dollars (2,83,906,000 sterling), and he says that after about 30 years the bridge can be handed over to the Italian Government.

Sicilian and Italian businessmen believe that the bridge will give an enormous fillip to the island's impoverished economy, eliminating costly delays in exporting fruit, wines, olives, cereals and other agricultural products.

The two-hour trip from Messina to Villa San Giovanni will be cut to 20 minutes. Freight traffic will cross the waterway in half an hour instead of five hours; the railways will save one million lire (\$2,75,000 sterling; 1,600,000 dollars a year on the cost of the ferries).

Islam Movement Reception



French Tourists

Moscow, Aug. 30.

The first mass group of French tourists to Russia since World War II arrived here by train from Leningrad today.

The 78 tourists were a party of 700 French men and 98 women who are visiting Germany at present. The rest remained in Leningrad.—United Press.

9 MAU MAU KILLED

Nairobi, Aug. 30.

Police killed nine out of a gang of 11 Mau Mau terrorists in Kenya's White Highlands last night, a Government spokesman said today.—Reuters.

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Japan, 6 p.m.
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May Free War Criminals

Tokyo, Aug. 31.

Kyodo news agency report from Peking today said that Communist China was likely to take measures shortly for the release of Japanese war criminals.

Kyodo, Japan's national news agency, reported that Madame Li Teh-chun, President of the Communist Chinese Red Cross, yesterday told visiting Japanese Diet members that she believed there was "good news" ahead for the Japanese war criminals.

The company has been steadily increasing its profits since 1949 when they fell to a postwar low of £1,587,356.

After paying tax and other charges the net profit was £1,582,004 against £1,383,220 the year before.

—China Mail Special.

Restoration

But during the last session of Parliament, the leader of the United Party, Mr Jacobus Strauss, evaded a flat promise to restore the coloured voters to common rolls if and when the Opposition regains power.

Hor good news remark followed a statement by Prime Minister Chou En-lai on Monday to Japanese Diet members that his government was "hastening preparations" for a decision on this issue.—Reuters.

"At the moment," he said in a statement issued for seven

South African By-Election Opposition Party Rift Over Coloured Voters

Johannesburg, Aug. 30.

South Africa's United Party opposition to the Nationalist (apartheid) Government will face a crucial test for its future on September 14 when a by-election is fought here over the party's policy towards coloured voters of mixed blood.

The by-election has been precipitated by a former member of the United Party who has turned independent to challenge the party's leadership because it failed to give an outright pledge to restore coloured voters to common electoral rolls between the Constitution.

All we can promise is that on our return to power we shall in consultation with the coloured people set right the grievances done to them in the best way open to us at that time and in a form which will serve the best interests of South Africa as a whole."

Six of the seven members of the Party's so-called Liberal wing who had originally challenged Mr Strauss's policy on the issue accepted this expatriation. The seventh, 50-year-old Dr Bernard Friedman, a surgeon turned politician, would not.

Dr Friedman who sat in Parliament as United Party member for the heavily populated Johannesburg district of Hillbrow, a constituency of flats (skyscraper blocks of flats) publicly declared that he felt the only possible answer to "such a fundamental question of principle" was a "clear and unequivocal yes."

He said that he considered that Mr Strauss's "non-committal" statement meant that the United Party, if it deemed it expedient, would acquiesce in the removal of coloured voters from the common roll.

This defiance of party leadership led to Dr Friedman's expulsion from the United Party. Meanwhile, he had resigned his seat in Parliament to fight the issue as an independent in his old constituency.

Sides Taken

Hillbrow's by-election is a considerable embarrassment to the United Party which is thus forced to fight a party dispute in public. The party leaders deplore it because personal prestige is at stake while the anti-Government English-language press which believes that an united front should be maintained at all costs as the best means of dislodging the Afrikaner Nationalists from power, regards it.

Sides are being taken within the party over the issue.

Many United Party supporters of liberal tendencies sympathise with Dr Friedman's cause. Some have resigned party posts or membership to support it.

This section reflects... one feeling in South Africa that an Opposition, to be successful, must really oppose and not compromise on the country's vital colour issues. Others find the attitude of Mr Strauss reasonable and practical in the circumstances.

Hillbrow voters, normally loyal to the United Party which considers the constituency a "safe" seat, are faced now with a choice between their able member, a clever speaker, who has served them successfully for the last 12 years, and the United Party itself.

Cynics say that the only people who can benefit from this political fratricide is the governing Nationalist party who exploited the United Party's discomfort when the issue arose in Parliament and now contemplate the forthcoming by-election with some relish.

No one is certain of the outcome of the voting, but the Nationalists believe that they cannot lose.

United Party leaders were initially loath finding a candidate who had the prestige and was willing to fight for Dr Friedman, who is considered popular in a constituency notable for its strong Jewish element.

Several possible candidates were reported to have been approached unsuccessfully for the official nomination. Then it was announced that a 58-year-old Senator for Native Province Dr Louis Steenkamp, had accepted.

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| Wheelock | 0.40 0.55 0.60 0.40 0.45 0.45 1000 to 9.40 |
| LAND, ETC. | |
| HK Hotel | 1912 19.00 2200 to 19.00 |
| Humphreys (N.Y.) | 73 7312 100 to 10.00 |
| Really | 2.25 2.30 |
| RUBBER | |
| A. Rubber | 2.10 2.15 |
| Trust | 3.10 5000 to 3.15 1600 to 3.125 |
| UTILITIES | |
| Trans. Etc. | 100 to 212 |
| Star Ferry | 110 117 100 to 117 |
| C. Light (O) 22.70 22.00 | 3002 to 22.60 |
| T. & C. | 700 to 22.60 |
| 700 to 22.60 | 600 to 22.60 |
| 750 to 22.60 | 1000 to 22.70 |
| 1000 to 22.70 | 1000 to 22.70 |
| C. Light (N) 17.00 17.00 | 1700 to 17.00 |
| 600 to 17.00 | 500 to 17.00 |
| 500 to 17.00 | 500 to 17.00 |
| Macau Elec. | 11.00 11.00 500 to 33 1000 to 33.14 |
| INDUSTRIALS | |
| Cement | 3914 34 200 to 3914 |
| Hope | 1012 |
| STORES, ETC. | |
| Dairy | 22.00 1000 to 22.00 |
| 500 to 22.00 | 500 to 22.00 |
| 500 to 22.00 | 125 to 22.70 |
| Watson | 14.60 15.20 |
| COTTONS | |
| Corp. S. 5.45 | |
| Nanyang | 8.40 8.55 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | |
| Vibro | 23.00 |
| Yangtze | 0.05 0.15 3000 to 0.05 |
| Allied | 5.80 5.90 2000 to 5.95 |

US Imports & Exports

Washington, Aug. 30. United States imports from Japan in June increased slightly from May, but imports from most of the other Asiatic countries were moderately lower, according to Commerce Department statistics released today.

Exports to Asiatic countries in June were in most cases smaller than in May.

General imports from all Asiatic countries in June were valued at \$161,500,000 compared to \$174,600,000 in May, and \$141,000,000 in June, 1954.

United States exports to all Asiatic countries were \$102,300,000 compared to \$177,400,000 in May and \$103,400,000 in June 1954.

United States imports from Japan in June were \$34,400,000 against \$33,900,000 in the previous month and \$23,700,000 in June 1954. Exports to Japan in May were \$44,800,000 against \$51,800,000 in the previous month and \$50,000,000 in June 1954.

United States imports from other Asiatic countries in June compared to May included:

From
Philippines \$ 2,000,000
British Malaya 22,300,000 23,000,000
Indonesia 14,900,000 10,600,000
The Philippines 26,800,000 31,000,000
Hongkong 1,100,000 1,400,000
India 20,000,000 25,100,000

United States exports to the same countries in June compared to May were:

To
Pakistan 11,500,000 Against 11,000,000
British Malaya 5,400,000 2,700,000 2,400,000
Indonesia 5,700,000 4,000,000
Philippines 26,800,000 26,000,000
South Korea 13,300,000 12,000,000
Hongkong 3,900,000 3,500,000

—United Press.

Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, Aug. 31. Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

| | |
|---|----------|
| Batu Lintang Rubber Co. Ltd. | Opening |
| British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate Ltd. | \$1.57 |
| Commodities Tin Smelting Ord. | 43/- |
| Fraser & Neave Ltd. | 20/04 |
| Furness & Lovell Ltd. | 71 1/2 |
| Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp. | \$0.10 |
| Imperial Oil Ltd. | 51.70 cd |
| Lunghwa Rubber Estates Ltd. | \$2.20 |
| Malayan Breweries Ltd. | \$3.20 |
| New Bernand Rubber Co. Ltd. | 1.00 |
| Petaling Tin Ltd. | \$4.47 |
| Raffles Hotel | 32.35 |
| Shaw, Saville & Albion Co. Ltd. | \$1.00 |
| South British Insurance Co. Ltd. | \$26.00 |
| Strata Trading | \$22.25 |
| Standard Chartered | \$10.75 |
| United Engineers Crd. | \$10.75 |
| Wearne Bros. | \$2.75 |

Exchange Rates

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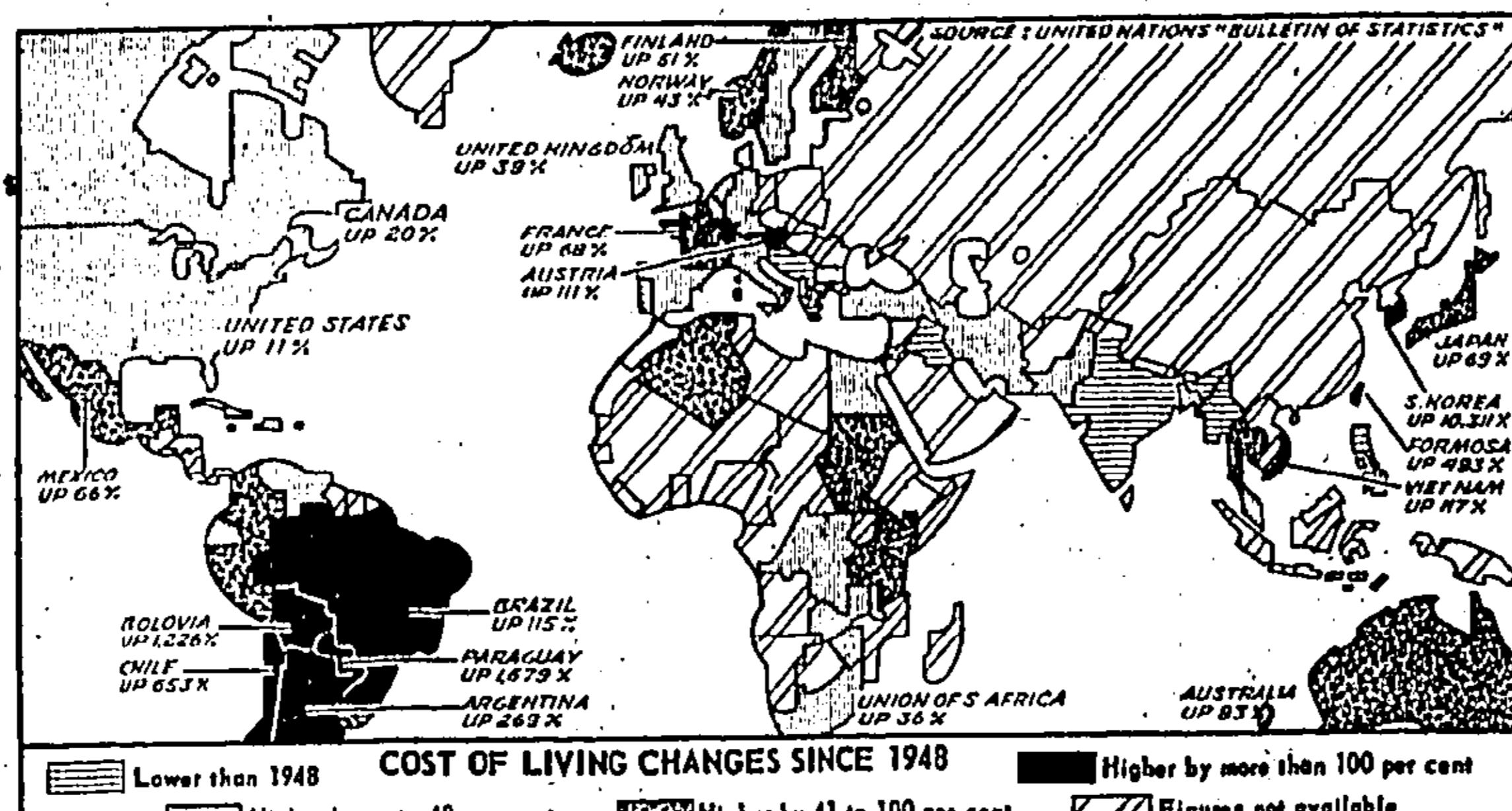
RUNAWAY INFLATION BEDEVILING PARTS OF WORLD

Twinges Of Alarm Felt In America

New York, Aug. 30.

Harsh winds of inflation are blowing around the world, whirling prices to fantastic heights in some countries—and causing the first twinges of alarm in the United States.

So far the inflationary lash has virtually bypassed this country in comparison with the havoc inflicted on other lands.



In Chile, where the cost of living has skyrocketed 70 per cent in the last year, some workers have to work 25 days to buy a pair of shoes and nearly an hour to buy a single egg.

In Bolivia, the cost of living has soared to 12 times what it was in 1948. And in South Korea — worst hit spot in the known global inflationary picture—it costs 103 times as much to live today as it did seven years ago.

Inflation figures for Iron Curtain countries are not available, but Soviet Russia's policy of concentrating on the production of war-potential "hard goods" inevitably means a growing shortage of the normal necessities and luxuries of life—the so-called "soft goods"—and such shortages in turn lead to rising prices.

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Rolls closed in this session unchanged on average and utilities dipped 0.12 for a net gain of .01 for the general market average.

Of a total 1,10 issues traded, 431 were lower, 422 higher on the day.

Trading dwindled again as traders took to the sidelines, hesitant to extend recent gains in the absence of any fresh market incentive. Turnover amounted to 1,740,000 shares, compared with 1,910,000 yesterday, and lightest in a week.

Republie featured along with United in the aircrafts, rising more than \$2. Boeing, Bendix and Douglas improved fractionally.

Among recent anti-inflation measures, British Chancellor of the Exchequer Butler has raised interest rates, put the squeeze on credit and clamped stiff curbs on instalment buying.

In the United States inflation has made comparatively little headway in the post-Korean war period of boom prosperity, but the first storm signals are beginning to fly.

And the Eisenhower administration has begun a carefully planned series of actions designed to curb "easy money" speculation and credit.

These include raising the margin requirement for stock exchange transactions from 50 to 60 and then to 70 per cent, raising the bank discount rate from 1 1/2 to 2 per cent at federal reserve banks, and tightening up on mortgage credit.

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London Stock Market

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On the surface, at least, inflation has barely touched this country. Latest figures issued by the United Nations show that the cost of living in the United States has risen only 11 per cent in the past seven years.

With 1948 equalling 100, the cost of living index for some of the world's hardest-hit countries reads like this: Paraguay 1,770, Bolivia 1,320, Chile 763 and Formosa 592.

Very few countries show any slackening in the cost of living in the last seven years, but there are a few bright spots. Burma and Cuba have dropped four points to 98, India and Yugoslavia 92, Lebanon 82.

Financial experts say one of the biggest causes of inflation in the under-developed countries is that they have been trying to

keep up with the more advanced countries.

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Cotton Consumption Increases

Washington, Aug. 30.

The Agriculture Marketing Service of the Agriculture Department said today that the total cotton consumption outside the United States has increased in every part of the world and if the trend continues it will favour larger United States cotton exports.

Foreign (non-US) consumption in 1955-56 may exceed the 26,600,000 bales of 1954-55 it said. The Department's cotton situation survey noted, however, that foreign cotton acreage in 1955 may be up by 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 acres from the 60,400,000 acres of 1954. This would mean increase in production by as much as 1,000,000 bales. Such increase would be disadvantageous to United States exports.

The cotton situation survey was rather vague about prospects for United States exports in the coming season. It repeated Secretary Mr. Benson's announcement of August 12 that no basic change in US cotton export policy is in prospect for the 1955-56 season, but that after January 1, 1956, the Commodity Credit Corporation may indeed offer for export sales not more than 1,000,000 bales of low quality short staple cotton from its inventory on an open competitive bid basis.

The Department commented "although no shipments of cotton under the US export programme for special qualities of cotton can be made until 1956, the removal of some of the uncertainty concerning US cotton export policy may induce a somewhat higher rate of exports in subsequent months than has prevailed in the recent past."

World Rubber Markets

Singapore, Aug. 30.

The rubber market fluctuated narrowly today. There was some off-take shipment rubber and the switching of September to October months. Future closings:

| | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| No. 1 rubber per lb. | 1411-1414 |
| Oct. | 1407-1408 |
| Nov. | 137-138 |
| Dec. | 134-135 |
| Sept. | 120-122 |
| Sept. 3 | 131-134 |
| Sept. 4 | 122-123 |
| Sept. 5 | 121-122 |
| Sept. 6 | 120-121 |
| Sept. 7 | 121-122 |
| Sept. 8 | 120-121 |
| Sept. 9 | 121-122 |
| Sept. 10 | 120-121 |
| Sept. 11 | 121-122 |
| Sept. 12 | 120-121</td |

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1955.

Lennox-Boyd's Tour Lauded By Times

London, Aug. 31. The Times today congratulated the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, on the results of his recent tour of Hongkong and other British territories in the Far East.

This independent newspaper said: "He has not solved all the problems, but his manner and his patient approach have ensured that the further discussions to be held in London next year are not an attempt to shelve or divert the feelings which have erupted in these British possessions."

"Yet surveying the agreeable outcome of Mr Lennox-Boyd's visit, one cannot but point to the long-term problems arising within the last decade. And more important to the countries adjoining Malaya, hanging indeed like a black cloth to Mr Lennox-Boyd's tour, is the policy and power of China. "In Hongkong the immediate issue is the trade embargo,

which the Secretary of State said he did not wish to 'cling' to. In both Singapore and the Federation, however, the Chinese population presents a far greater problem.

OVERSEAS CHINESE

"Mr Chou En-lai has justly said that the overseas Chinese are a problem his China has inherited. The solution thus far adopted by Peking in its treaty with Indonesia provides for the choice by overseas Chinese either of Indonesian nationality and political rights or renunciation of Chinese nationality and the forfeiting of such rights.

"This policy has assumed that the Chinese are a minority in otherwise developed nation states.

"But in Singapore they are a majority and in the Federation, with close on 40 per cent of the population, they can hardly be treated as a minority. Yet clearly they must choose there too between belonging as citizens or belonging abroad.

"The emergency in the Federation and much of the recent turbulence in Singapore reflect the latent conflict between those nurtured in the British democratic progress and those whose political thinking is wholly different and carries with it the ideologically over-tones of the new China.

"It will not be resolved until Peking declares its policy towards the Chinese in Malaya. Only then can the foundations of self-government be secured."

Japan Makes Concession

Our Own Correspondent

London, Aug. 30. Mr A. E. Percival of the Board of Trade, and Mr A. K. Ogilvy-Webb of the Treasury, are expected to return to Tokyo next weekend to resume negotiations on the renewal of the Anglo-Japanese sterling payments agreement.

British Treasury officials are confident agreement can be reached very quickly. They have been encouraged from reports from Tokyo that the Japanese government will permit an increase in imports from the sterling area sufficient to close the present payments gap.

But the British team will have no counter-concessions to offer Japanese exporters.

"Concessions are for the Japanese to make," a Treasury spokesman told me tonight. "Our attitude all along has been that Anglo-Japanese trade must be roughly in balance. When Japan had a deficit with the sterling area we made concessions to correct the position. Now they have a surplus in their trade with us and it's up to them to make concessions."

When the present talks are over, Britain is expected to invite the Japanese government to hold negotiations on a long-term commercial treaty between the two countries.

Investigating

Blackmail Ring

Manila, Aug. 31.

The American and Philippine military authorities yesterday were investigating the reported existence of an American-Philippines blackmail ring victimizing Filipino employees at United States Clark Field Air Force base in Pampanga Province, Central Luzon.

The Philippine News Service reported this morning that two American officers and three Filipino operatives from the United States Army's Office of Special Investigation (OSI) as well as three contract men allegedly are behind the racket which had been operating since 1950.

The alleged racket was first brought to the attention of the Philippine Army authorities last February by eight dismissed Filipino employees at Clark Field. The ousted employees claimed in affidavits that they lost their jobs on the strength of OSI reports that they were "security risks."

All of the ousted employees claimed that they were asked to pay certain sums by OSI men who allegedly promised work for their reinstatement.

Informed sources said that the investigation thus far conducted indicated that many more employees have been victimized by the blackmail ring but were afraid to talk.—United Press.

Not Quite In Their Line

Bismarck, Dakota, Aug. 30. Flustered members of the Bismarck Lions Club cautiously agreed today that a request for them to study 1,000 pornographic pictures was a "bit out of line" with the Club's function but conceded "it sounds interesting."

Senator William Langer said in Washington today that the Senate Juvenile Delinquency Sub-committee had selected the 150-member club to make a 30-day study of the pictures to determine whether they are "obscene, lewd, lascivious and unfit" to be sold over the newsstands.

Club members, caught off guard at the announcement, declined to speculate whether the club would accept the offer. Most of those contacted, however, seemed to feel it was a follow later.

The withdrawal would save Japan the \$150,000 paid yearly towards the costs of maintaining United States garri-

garri-

"DAISY" FEELS THE HEAT



ALLEGED RAPE COMPLAINANT'S EVIDENCE

The public gallery in Mr Justice Scholes' Court at the Criminal Sessions was this morning filled to capacity as complainant in the rape trial resumed her evidence against the four young accused.

A special detachment of Police constables was on duty at the entrances of the Court room to regulate the number of people going in.

Careless Driving Instructor

A case of careless instruction to a learner driver led to a strong recommendation by Mr W. N. Thomas Tam at Central this morning, for stricter qualifications for all car instructors in the future.

A car instructor, Teng Cheuk Tai, of 840 Canton Road and his pupil Leung Fai, of 114 Electric Road, were both charged and found guilty of careless driving.

The first defendant was fined \$20 while the second was cau-

ticed.

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